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## **WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES 2006 AWARDS FOR EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS**

WASHINGTON - The White House today will announce the recipients of the 2006 Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers, the Nation's highest honor for professionals at the outset of their independent scientific research careers. Fifty-six researchers will be honored today in a ceremony presided over by John H. Marburger III, Science Advisor to the President and Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Two awardees were unable to attend. The Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers, established in 1996, honors the most promising researchers in the Nation within their fields. Nine federal departments and agencies annually nominate scientists and engineers who are at the start of their independent careers and whose work shows exceptional promise for leadership at the frontiers of scientific knowledge. Participating agencies award these talented scientists and engineers with up to five years of funding to further their research in support of critical government missions.

The recipients of the 2006 Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers, along with their nominating federal department or agency are:

**Department of Agriculture** Douglas D. Bannerman, USDA Agricultural Research Service Sarah D. Brooks, Texas A&M University Samuel A. Cushman, USDA Forest Service

**Department of Commerce** Casey Brown, Columbia University Mark Scheuerell, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Kathryn L. Beers, National Institute of Standards and Technology Joshua C. Bienfang, National Institute of Standards and Technology

**Department of Defense** Odest C. Jenkins, Brown University Kenneth C. Slatton, University of Florida Jonathan E. Spanier, Drexel University Jacob L. Roberts, Colorado State University Krystyn J. Van Vliet, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Jelena Vuckovic, Stanford University

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Michelle P. Winn, Duke University Adam T. Woolley, Brigham Young University

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Bahar Biller, Carnegie-Mellon University Matthew J. Fouch, Arizona State  
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